

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. 05-
v.	:	DATE FILED: January 20, 2005
ANGEL MEJIA	:	VIOLATIONS:
ALEXIS VILLEGAS	:	18 U.S.C. § 1203(a) (conspiracy to
JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO	:	commit hostage taking - 1 count)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1203(a) (hostage taking - 1
	:	count)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 111 (assaulting, resisting, and
	:	impeding federal agents - 2 counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1114 (attempted murder of
	:	a federal employee - 2 counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 924(c) (using a firearm during
	:	and in relation to a crime of violence - 2
	:	counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting - 2
	:	counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5)(A) (felon in
	:	possession - 2 counts)
	:	Notice of forfeiture

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. From on or about October 8, 2004 to on or about October 11, 2004, at West Chester and elsewhere, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

**ANGEL MEJIA,
ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and
JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO,**

two of whom are foreign nationals, specifically defendants ANGEL MEJIA and ALEXIS VILLEGAS, citizens and nationals of Mexico, conspired and agreed to seize and detain and

threaten to kill, injure and continue to detain C.C. to compel the parents of C.C. to pay one million dollars ransom as a condition of the release of C.C., in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1203(a).

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the conspiracy that:

4. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA, ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO kidnapped C.C. at gunpoint and threatened to kill C.C. and continued to detain C.C., while attempting to collect one million dollars from the parents of C.C..

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish its objects, the defendants performed and executed the following overt acts in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

On or about October 8, 2004:

1. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA, ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO armed themselves with a 9 millimeter handgun and a .38 caliber revolver.

2. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA and ALEXIS VILLEGAS forcibly entered into C.C.'s residence, located in West Chester, PA, and removed him from his apartment at gunpoint.

3. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA and ALEXIS VILLEGAS took C.C. to a shed at defendant JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO's residence in Toughkenamon, Pennsylvania.

On or about October 8, 2004 to on or about October 10, 2004:

4. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA, ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO held C.C. at gunpoint, tied up and sometimes blindfolded, in the shed against his will.

5. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA and JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO used cellular telephones on numerous occasions to speak with the parents of C.C. and demand one million dollars ransom from them for C.C.'s release.

6. Defendants ALEXIS VILLEGAS and JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO recaptured C.C. at gunpoint after he had escaped from the shed on Saturday, October 9, 2004 and had made his way to a nearby property.

7. Defendant JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO returned the recaptured C.C. to defendant SANTIAGO's shed, at gunpoint, threatened to kill C.C., and tied C.C. up again.

On or about October 10, 2004:

8. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA, ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO arranged to meet the parents of C.C. to receive the one million dollar ransom for C.C.'s release.

9. Defendant JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO drove to the arranged meeting place to conduct surveillance.

10. Defendants ANGEL MEJIA and ALEXIS VILLEGAS brought C.C. to the Route 842 bridge, at South Creek Road in Chester County, PA, to exchange him for the ransom demanded from C.C.'s parents.

11. Defendant ANGEL MEJIA fired a gunshot toward C.C. as C.C. was walking toward his parents.

12. On or about October 11, 2004, following the meeting with C.C.'s parents, defendant JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO picked up defendant ALEXIS VILLEGAS near the bridge and returned with him to defendant SANTIAGO's residence.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1203(a).

COUNT TWO

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

From on or about October 8, 2004 to on or about October 11, 2004, at West Chester, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

**ANGEL MEJIA,
ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and
JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO,**

two of whom are foreign nationals, specifically defendants ANGEL MEJIA and ALEXIS VILLEGAS, citizens and nationals of Mexico, seized and detained at gunpoint, and threatened to kill, injure and continue to detain at gunpoint, C.C., and aided, abetted, and willfully caused the seizure, detention and threats, in order to compel the parents of C.C. to pay one million dollars ransom as a condition of the release of C.C.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1203(a) and 2.

COUNT THREE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 10, 2004, at West Chester, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

ANGEL MEJIA,

by use of a dangerous weapon, forcibly assaulted, resisted, opposed, impeded, intimidated, and interfered with a Supervisory Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while he was engaged in and on account of the performance of his official duties, that is, by firing a .38 caliber Amadeo Rossi handgun, serial number AA306060, at Supervisory Special Agent Carbonell.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111.

COUNT FOUR

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 10, 2004, at West Chester, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania defendant

ANGEL MEJIA,

by use of a dangerous weapon, forcibly assaulted, resisted, opposed, impeded, intimidated, and interfered with an Assistant Special Agent In Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while he was engaged in and on account of the performance of his official duties, that is, by firing a 38 caliber Amadeo Rossi handgun, serial number AA306060, at Supervisory Special Agent Carbonell.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111.

COUNT FIVE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 10, 2004, at West Chester, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

ANGEL MEJIA,

willfully and unlawfully attempted to kill, with malice aforethought, a Supervisory Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while he was engaged in the performance of his official duties, by shooting at him with a .38 caliber Amadeo Rossi handgun, serial number AA306060, which had the tendency to produce death.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114.

COUNT SIX

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 10, 2004, at West Chester, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

ANGEL MEJIA,

willfully and unlawfully attempted to kill, with malice aforethought, an Assistant Special Agent In Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while he was engaged in the performance of his official duties, by shooting at him with a .38 caliber Amadeo Rossi handgun, serial number AA306060, which had the tendency to produce death.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114.

COUNT SEVEN

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 8, 2004, at West Chester, and elsewhere in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

**ANGEL MEJIA,
ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and
JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO**

knowingly used and carried a firearm, and aided, abetted, and willfully caused the use and carrying of such firearm, that is, a loaded .38 caliber Amadeo Rossi handgun, serial number AA306060, and a loaded 9 millimeter Smith & Wesson handgun, serial # TVR4476, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, hostage taking, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1203. .

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 2.

COUNT EIGHT

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 10, 2004, at West Chester, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

ANGEL MEJIA,

knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, a loaded .38 caliber Amadeo Rossi handgun, serial number AA306060, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, assault on a federal employee and attempted murder of a federal employee, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1114 and 111, respectively.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924 (c)(1).

COUNT NINE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 10, 2004, at West Chester, and elsewhere in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

ANGEL MEJIA,

being an alien, illegally or unlawfully in the United States, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce a firearm, that is, a .38 caliber Amadeo Rossi handgun, serial number AA306060.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5)(A).

COUNT TEN

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 10, 2004, at West Chester, and elsewhere in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

ALEXIS VILLEGAS,

being an alien, illegally or unlawfully in the United States, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce a firearm, that is, a 9 millimeter Smith & Wesson handgun, serial number TVR4476.

_____In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5)(A).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

As a result of the violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111, 1114 and 924(c)(1), set forth in Counts Four through Eight of this indictment, defendants

**ANGEL MEJIA,
ALEXIS VILLEGAS, and
JOSE ANTONIO SANTIAGO**

shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the firearm and ammunition involved in the commission of this offense, including, but not limited to:

- (1) a .38 caliber Amadeo Rossi revolver, serial number AA306060;
- (2) a 9 millimeter Smith & Wesson handgun, serial number TVR4476;
- (3) a .25 caliber Berretta, serial number DAA 029168; and
- (4) a 357 Reiger, serial number 57247086

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

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